

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A crimp for an optical cable connector, comprising a hollow crimp body that is open at each end and comprises, at a first end, a first crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a connector; and at a second end a second crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a cable, the portion of the crimp between the said ends defining a body portion having a dimension greater than that of the crimp tubes and including a recess for engagement by a closure housing, where the recess is positioned intermediate a first surface and a second surface of the body portion and has a dimension less than that of the body portion.
2. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 1, wherein the respective crimp tubes and the said portion therebetween are cylindrical.
3. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 2, wherein the diameter of the said portion between the crimp tubes is greater than that of either crimp tube.
4. (Previously Amended) A crimp according to Claim 1, wherein the recess is a groove formed in the periphery of the said portion.
5. (Previously Presented) A crimp according to Claim 4, wherein the recess extends about the whole periphery of said body portion.
6. (Currently Amended) A crimp comprising a hollow crimp body that is open at each end and comprises, at a first end, a first crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a connector; and at a second end a second crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a cable, the portion of the crimp between the said ends including a grooved recess that creates a first surface and a second surface extending transverse to a longitudinal direction of the hollow crimp body for engagement by a closure housing, and further comprising an optical cable inserted therethrough, the crimp tube at

the said first end of the crimp being crimped onto the spigot of a connector so as to retain thereon the reinforcing fibers of the optical cable; and the crimp tube at the said second end being crimped onto the exterior of the optical cable, the crimp at the second end provides tensional relief the optical cable at the first end.

7. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 6 including a portion of a closure housing received in the said recess so as to prevent relative movement between the crimp and the said closure housing portion.
8. (Previously Presented) A crimp according to Claim 6, wherein the recess lies offset from the longitudinal mid-point of the crimp body.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of securing an optical cable to a connector comprising the steps of:
 - (i) inserting an optical cable through a crimp ~~according to any preceding claim~~ so as to protrude at either end thereof, the crimp including a body portion extending intermediate a first crimp tube and a second crimp tube, the body portion having a length and a diameter greater than that of the first and second crimp tubes;
 - (ii) removing the jacket of the optical cable to expose the core and reinforcement fibers thereof;
 - (iii) inserting the core into a connector spigot;
 - (iv) arranging the reinforcing fibers about the spigot;
 - (v) advancing the crimp so that the first crimp tube overlies the spigot and the fibers;
 - (vi) crimping the first crimp tube onto the spigot so as to retain the fibers on the spigot; and, before or after step (vi),
 - (vii) crimping the second crimp tube onto the exterior of the cable.
10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9 including the further step of:
 - (viii) inserting the crimp into an aperture formed in a closure housing so that a part of the closure housing engages the recess so as to prevent relative longitudinal movement between the crimp and the closure housing.